

DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION



BRIAN WHISTON,
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The **State Board of Education** was first provided for in the Constitution of 1850 and currently exists through the provisions of Article VIII, Section 3, of the Constitution of 1963. The state board is composed of 8 members nominated by party conventions and elected at-large for terms of 8 years, with 2 members being elected at each biennial state general election. The governor is authorized to fill vacancies on the state board and also serves as an *ex officio* member of the state board, without the right to vote. The Superintendent of Public Instruction is appointed by the board for a term to be determined by the board, to serve as its chair, without the right to vote.

MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Term expires

JOHN C. AUSTIN, Ann Arbor (President)	Jan. 1, 2017
MICHELLE FECTEAU, Detroit (Secretary)	Jan. 1, 2021
PAMELA PUGH SMITH, Saginaw (Treasurer).	Jan. 1, 2023
LUPE RAMOS-MONTIGUY, Grand Rapids (NASBE Delegate)	Jan. 1, 2021
KATHLEEN N. STRAUS, Detroit	Jan. 1, 2017
CASANDRA E. ULBRICH, Rochester Hills (Vice President)	Jan. 1, 2023
EILEEN L. WEISER, Ann Arbor	Jan. 1, 2019
RICHARD ZEILE, Dearborn	Jan. 1, 2019

ex officio

RICK SNYDER, Governor
BRIAN WHISTON, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Chair

Michigan State Board of Education

The State Board of Education exercises its **constitutional duties** of leadership and general supervision over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions, except for institutions of higher education granting baccalaureate degrees. It serves as the general planning and coordinating body for all public education, including higher education, and advises the legislature as to the financial requirements for public education.

The ***Office of the State Board of Education*** is responsible for supervising, managing, and coordinating all activities of the State Board of Education, including policy development, operations, and communications.

The ***State Board Executive*** is responsible as the legal repository of all State Board of Education activities and records. The State Board Executive prepares all State Board of Education correspondence, expenses, budget, and scheduling; and prepares all State Board of Education meeting agendas, minutes, and follow-up materials.

The ***State Board of Education and Michigan Department of Education's Mission*** is: All students graduate ready for careers, college, and community.

The ***Superintendent of Public Instruction*** is appointed by and responsible to the State Board of Education. The superintendent is the principal executive officer of the Department of Education and is a member of the State Administrative Board. The superintendent is the chair and a nonvoting member of the State Board of Education. The superintendent also serves on the Public School Employees' Retirement Board, the Library of Michigan Board, and the Michigan State Safety Commission. The superintendent is an ex officio member of the State Tenure Commission.

As the principal executive officer of the Department of Education, the Superintendent of Public Instruction is responsible for assisting the State Board of Education in advising the legislature. The superintendent is responsible for the day-to-day management, supervision, and leadership of the department.

Major departmental responsibilities include: educator preparation and certification; providing technical assistance to schools in the areas of education improvement and innovation, special education, grants, transportation, health, and food programs; statewide student assessment; school accountability; career and technical education; early childhood learning; distribution of state school aid; and overseeing the distribution and use of federal education program funding. The department also operates the Library of Michigan and the Michigan School for the Deaf in Flint.

The ***Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction*** includes a Deputy Superintendent; a Deputy Superintendent for Accountability Services; a Deputy Superintendent for the Office of Great Start (created by Executive Order 2011-8); a Deputy Superintendent for Education Services and State School Reform Officer; the State Board Office; and the Director of the Office of Public and Governmental Affairs.

The Department of Education also includes the State Interagency Coordinating Council, the Michigan Special Education Advisory Committee, State Tenure Commission, and the Library of Michigan Board.

